

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 24-28 and 62-92 are pending in the application, with 62, 71 and 77 being the independent claims. Of these pending claims, claims 24-28 have been withdrawn pursuant to the restriction requirement and in the event that rejoinder of these claims is possible upon allowance of an elected product claim. Claims 1-16, 18-23, 29-33, 35-44 and 53-61 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 62-92 are sought to be added and withdrawn claim 24 has been amended to depend from new claim 62. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Support for new claims 62-92 is found in claims 1-11, 18 and 54 as originally filed in a Preliminary Amendment, with the application, on November 21, 2003. Additionally, support for new claims 62-92 and the amendment to claim 24 is found, *inter alia*, at page 3, lines 22-24; page 4, lines 24-26; page 8, lines 8-12; page 9, lines 19-28; page 10, lines 2-4; Example 1 and page 21, Table 1.

In reply to the Office Action, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of **Group I**, represented by claims 1-11, 18 and 54. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

This election is made without traverse.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes the present application is in condition for examination. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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